

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1 through 39 remain in the application. Claims 40-47 are new.


Independent claims 1, 21 and 27 have been amended by specifying more of the calculation as suggested by the Examiner. Thus they define over Yasunaga. New claims 40-47 are directed to the various embodiments and have similar limitations. Support for these amendments can be found at p. 6, l. 33, to p. 7, ll. 1 - 2, 9 - 10, 19 - 21, and 25-28; p. 8, ll. 1-3, 18, 28-33; p. 9, ll. 1-6, 23-24, 30, 32-33; p. 10, ll. 1-3, 9-13, and 20-23.

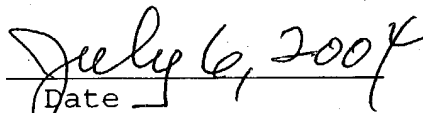
For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$1936.00 is enclosed for a 2 month extension of time and on account of the additional claim fees.

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